PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Department of Electronics have had preliminary discussions with some foreign companies. This is an ongoing exercise in pursuance of the new Industrial & Trade policies of the Government. The Department have also circulated a list of the leading companies in electronics to the various state Governments with a suggestion that the State Government may contact them and attarct them to invest in their States.

Processing of fruits and vegetables

482. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the percentage of fruits and vegetables being processed in the country is very low as compared to other neighbouring countries of the region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have explored the export prospect of these items; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action being taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) and (b) Information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) APEDA under Ministry of Commerce has formulated a scheme for increasing the export of processed foods.

Cold storage facilities ot airports

483. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY :

SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI :

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to set up cold storage facilities at the airports in the country to facilitate export of freshfruits and vegetables etc. and

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The scheme is intended to be implemented through Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) who have already got a study done on requirements of infrastructural facilities at airports with respect to export of perishables.

बीयर निर्माण के लिये लाइसेंस

484. श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल : क्या खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल में सरकार ने बीयर का निर्माण करने वाली 110 फैक्ट्रियों को लाइसेंस जारी किये हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या अरब देशों में के बीयर की तेज मांग को देखते हुए निर्माण एककों द्वारा इसके निर्यात किये जाने संबंध में कुछ शर्तें रखी गई हैं ;